(c) to (e) The Ministry of Company Affairs has not considered it feasible to transfer IEPF to SEBI.

Sale of Halcyon Castle of Private Hotel Group in Kerala

834. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether arty inquiry is initiated against the authorities who facilitated the sale of Halcyon Castle to the private hotel group in Kerala State recently;

(b) if so, present status of the above inquiry; and

(c) the details of loss to the Government in the sale of the Halcyon Castle to the private hotel group and the proposal if any, to prevent such loss?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) the sale of Kovalam Ashok Beach Resort at a price of Rs. 43,68,76,000/- is inclusive of Halcyon Castle. The reserve price fixed for Kovalam Ashok beach Resort (inclusive of Halcyon Castle) was Rs. 41.75 crore.

Excess supply of Stamps

835. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Security Press has not taken remedial measures despite a number of instances and complaints about the packets dispatched by it containing stamps of incorrect denominations, excess and short supply; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that sample check of documents during 1996—2003 in 6 States has disclosed short supplies with aggregate value of Rs. 1453.75 crores and excess supplies of stamps of value of Rs. 687.89 crores?